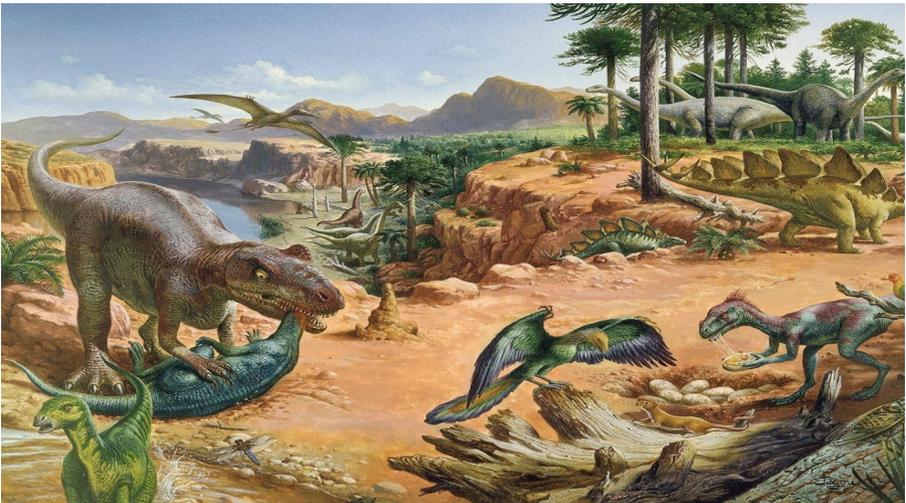




Year 6 Newsletter

Dinosaurs, Destruction and
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News so far...

The children should feel rightly proud of their academic achievements over the Autumn Term. We continue to be impressed with their dedication to improving their results in our regular assessments and look forward to seeing these improvements continue next term.

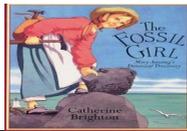
Our new topic next term is entitled 'Dinosaurs, Destruction and Darwin'. We will be looking at the evolution of the dinosaurs and their dramatic demise. We know that lots of the children are really keen on this area of Science so we shall be making good use of our resident experts!

We hope you and your children have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and that the children return in January refreshed and ready to continue on their journey towards Secondary School.



English

In English this term, we will be basing our writing around different books. We will begin by looking at the story book called 'The Fossil Girl'. This is the true story of Mary Anning who, nearly 200 years ago, discovered the first complete fossil of an Ichthyosaurus, or fish lizard. We will complete written work based around her findings and will study her life as the world's most famous fossil hunter.



Maths

In Maths this term, our priority will be to secure complete understanding of mathematical reasoning to support SAT papers two and three. We will study areas such as ratio, algebra and statistics. We will continue to address calculation issues with individual pupils as the need arises.

To support all of their learning in Maths, we would appreciate your support in developing children's fluency and accuracy with their multiplication facts.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a weekly basis. The children will receive a piece of Maths, a piece of English and a set of spellings each week.



In addition to this, Mathematics tasks will be set which the children are expected to complete at home alongside reading each day.

Attendance

In Year Six, we are continuing our drive to ensure that our attendance is exemplary. We encourage the children to attend promptly every day to ensure that they are making excellent progress. We are aiming for each Year Six class to receive a cake for 100% attendance. Thank you for your continued support with this aim.



SATS

As you may already be aware, the children in Year Six will be taking their end of Key Stage assessments during the week beginning the 8th May.

SAT Week Timetable

- Monday 14th May 2018 English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Papers 1 and 2
- Tuesday 15th May 2018: English Reading
- Wednesday 16th May 2018: Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
- Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
- Thursday 17th May 2018: Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

The Kingsfield Extra Homework Challenge:

Hi, children! Bored stiff during the holidays? Desperate to do a bit of extra homework and really impress your teachers back at school? Well now you can, with The Kingsfield Extra Homework Challenge! You may even receive extra Kingsfield Coins for your efforts. This will depend on the following factors: the amount of effort you put in; the presentation of the work you bring back, and the accuracy of the work itself. Coins will be awarded at your teacher's discretion. You may even be asked to showcase your work in assembly, in class, or for it to go on the Behaviours for Learning display in school.

Topic: Dinosaurs, Destruction and Darwin



Curious Colin says: *'Find out about the life of Mary Anning and create a biography about her. Try to include details about all of the dinosaurs that she discovered.'*



Creative Chloe says: *'Create a stunning dinosaur landscape using any material you wish to or build a dinosaur or dinosaur scene and bring into school.'*



Independent Isla says: *'Create a super set of dinosaur top trumps. Include key facts and an illustration of each dinosaur.'*